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Amendment dated September 21, 2006
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Enclosed is a clean copy of Figures 1a and 1b requested by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 12-32 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 12-16, 19-29 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is unpatentable over Kuhn in view of Fosseen. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 12 includes a combination of elements and has been amended to clarify that the target includes upper and lower parts attached to each other, said upper part being a target part and said lower part being a mounting part, and

wherein the lower part includes a slot in an upper surface thereof for receiving the target part and a hole in a lower edge thereof for receiving a shaft included in the carriage. Independent claim 21 includes similar features in a varying scope.

These features were supported at least by Fig. 1a at page 4, lines 11-15. For example, Fig. 1a illustrates the target 3 including upper and lower parts 16 and 17 attached to each other in which the upper part 16 is a target part and the lower part 17 is a mounting part. Further, the lower part 17 includes a slot 18 and an upper surface thereof for receiving the target part and a hole 9 in a lower edge thereof for receiving a shaft 8 included in the carriage 2.

On the contrary, Kuhn and Fosseen are not related to light infantry weapons. Rather, Kuhn is clearly related to target devices for amusement parks whereby the impact from shooting is substantially weaker than the impact for light infantry weapons. Thus, the system in Kuhn is not constructed for withstanding impacts caused by light infantry weapons. The same is true with respect to Fosseen. In addition, it is respectfully noted that neither Kuhn nor Fosseen teach or suggest the target system including a lower part having a slot on the upper surface thereof for receiving the target part in a whole in the lower edge thereof to receive a shaft included in the carriage. That is, the present invention includes a structure that can withstand impacts caused by shooting light infantry weapons. Kuhn and Fosseen do not teach or suggest these features.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 12 and 21 and each claim depending therefrom are allowable.

Claims 17, 18, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kuhn and Fosseen in view of Pidde. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has also been overcome as the claims rejected therein are dependent claims and Pidde also does not teach or suggest the features recited in the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

A prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau Reg. No. 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

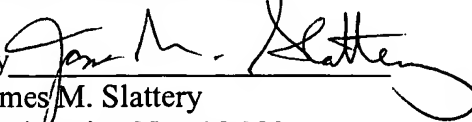
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